

New Bedford Jan 22. 1836.

Sunday evening

My dear Anne

Wendell is to be here on Tuesday, and as to-morrow night I am to go to a temperance meeting, and Tuesday to hear him, if I don't write now I am afraid I shant at all. I got your letter by Mr Hamblin this morning and it was a great comfort to me. I have been amusing myself the last week worrying about you; Mr Bent told me that you were better, but still I felt very uneasy. Do pray be careful now, and not bring your cough on again if you can help it. I think it is a very good plan your going to Groton, but be sure and get back by the time I do. Just think it will be three weeks from next Friday. I long so to come to the meeting of the Massachusetts that I can hardly stay where I am. I had much rather come to this than to the fair. Be sure that you don't take cold going. I shall expect to hear all about it by the end of next or rather this week.

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Every thing is going on here as when I wrote last. I have 25 scholars. Emily Weld comes as a sort of a half teacher, half scholar, but I should rather that she stayed away altogether for she is nothing but a bother. I pity her mother, for I think she knows what she is.

Have I ever mentioned in any of my letters the Chase family? Caroline will perhaps remember my mentioning a young man, or rather boy ~~whom~~ I met here, & who keeps in Allen & Chann's store, & who is a great abolitionist. Well at Mrs James Grinnell's was Dr Chase & all his family. Mrs C took the greatest pains to be introduced to me, said so many polite things, that I was frightened & in short almost ate me up alive. I wondered what she could have heard about me, for she seemed to be that sort of a woman who would not act without a motive. I could think of nothing till just as we were coming away it was revealed to me & I asked her if her son in his letters had mentioned the Anti Slavery Fair? Oh yes, he had written a very long letter on stamped paper containing a minute account of it, he had been there all the time he could spare & never enjoyed any thing so much in his life. I perceived that all your glory had been made to pass before them. If you see a pretty looking, red cheeked boy, of Oliver Tovey's colibe you may know who it is, see him I mean at the Abolition meetings. I will send you the report of the young men's society. H Lee wrote it I suppose. I have no pleasure in any of these brethren. Br Emerson is the stoutest of any of them. & he hangs to have a lecturer come & stir them up, or rather I should say stir him up, for he knows what he wants. Br Charles I think exerts a very bad influence here. Did I tell you that the society bought 500 copies of Dr Channing's letter to give away, but poor creatures I believe they did it

through ignorance, for when I expostulated with some of them, they said that perhaps it was done inconsiderately & Mr Emerson said that he was thinking of something else or he should have opposed it. Tell aunt Mary I want her to write, tell her I have written to her at Walsbury. They will probably send the letter to Weymouth. I want to come home so much that I can hardly stay. Though every thing is so pleasant here, the truth is I don't like the thought of coming back. I don't fellowship anything here. However what must be, must be.

Monday night.

Bro & sister Bent are up to Mrs Reddells to a sort of a party & it is now near 12 o'clock so I don't know but Mrs R. has lynched them. She will I expect some day or other. Every thing is going on usual here excepting that we are all in confusion preparing for Wendell. I hope he shall have good long letters when he does.

Tuesday night 12 o'clock

I will write some to-night in order not to be hurried at the last. No day when I got home from school no Wendell had arrived. We were saved from despair by the lucky thought, that the cars were delayed on account of the snow. When I came home at night I found him here, & my bundle with him. Oh how I long to be with you. Your letters have something the effect upon me that novel reading is said to have. Life here looks gloomy. I had a most delightful letter from Ann Chapman & a beautiful pink handwritten brief to "Don" from Anna Terry. Wendell I like. There seems to be a great deal of straight-forwardness & simplicity about him. He reminds me of his brother John. Intercourse with the abolitionists will I

think do him good. His lecture before the Lyceum this evening was considered very fine, slightly whiggish & rather conservative. He is to stay & lecture to-morrow night. Mr & Mrs Angier were here & Mr Morrison after the Lyceum broke up. We talked considerable abolitionism. Mr Morrison was a thorough Channingite. Wendell attacked Dr Channing in very good style. He did better than I expected. After they were gone we held a forum that is Mr Bent, Wendell & I. You can imagine how Mr Bent talked. In talking with Wendell about the "issue", he said, that it was said at one time that Silsbee wrote it. I like & Wendell & I think Ann Terry has done very well.

Wednesday Jan 22nd 1836.

I have felt shockingly all day to-day my dear Anne, though I rejoiced at its being so pleasant & gone around. I see too by the times that you are to have the Representatives Hall. Oh why am I not there. I feel much more than I did about the box. Wendell says that Theodore Weld is to be with you, but I do not believe that he is. I am sorry that Wendell staid, for it would have done him good to have gone to this meeting. I will do him the justice to say that he appeared to want to go, but so much was said to him about giving, staying that he finally consented. Mr Bent has been in a great state of exaltation ever since Wendell has been here. To day Mr Morrison & Mr Angier dined here, spent the afternoon & this evening they are all gone up to Mrs W. R. Poter's. Who is flitting & laughing & crying on in the deepest mourning having just lost a brother. Write to me immediately after all the meetings are over, if you cant before, as soon as you get to Boston. As for you shall I cant give you much advice on the subject. You must do as you think best